



USS Nashville (LPD 13)

To the Beach, and Beyond!

USS Nashville is one of a class of ships designated Amphibious Transport Dock and identified by the letters LPD. *Nashville* was built by Lockheed Shipbuilding and Construction Company, Seattle, Washington, and commissioned at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington, on Feb. 14, 1970. She is the 13th ship of her class.

The versatile Austin-class LPDs provide substantial amphibious lift for Marine troops and their vehicles and cargo. Additionally, they serve as the secondary aviation platform for Expeditionary Strike Groups.

During the American Revolutionary War, Brig. Gen. Francis Nash, Continental Army, gave his life to ensure the independence of the colonies. The city of Nashville was named in his honor. Emblazoned on the banner is the motto taken from Gen. Nash's dying words on the battle field at Germantown: "From the first dawn of the Revolution I have ever been on the side of liberty and my country." Flanking the motto are the traditional emblems of the Navy and Marine Corps.

USS Nashville (LPD 13) is the 13th ship of her class. *Nashville's* primary mission is to transport a landing force ashore, utilizing helicopter and amphibious craft for any contingency and provide support for an extended period of time. Nashville can support up to 1,479 Navy and Marine Corps officers and enlisted personnel (515 crewmembers and 964 embarked Marines) and all the equipment required to make the landing force ready for combat upon arrival in an objective area. With the upgraded array of command, control and communications equipment in *Nashville*, an embarked Amphibious Squadron or Group Commander can coordinate and control all of the air, sea and ground forces whose support is necessary to ensure the success of the amphibious operation.

The insignia of USS Nashville is centered about thirteen stars that represent the original thirteen colonies. The stars also represent USS Nashville's status as the 13th of her class of amphibious ships in the U.S. Navy. Surrounding the blue field and white stars is the gold compass rose of the Seal of the Metropolitan Government of the City of Nashville, Tenn. This symbolizes the continuing link between the ship and her namesake city.

Nashville's various assignments have included four Caribbean Amphibious readiness Groups, Mediterranean Amphibious readiness Groups, Persian Gulf Amphibious Readiness Groups, Mine Countermeasure Task Group, NATO North Atlantic Operations, and training assignments with the Fleet Marine Force Atlantic.

USS Nashville (LPD 13) Facts

Ship's Crest:



Ship's Command:

Commanding Officer: Capt. Dewolfe H. Miller III, USN
Executive Officer: Lt.Cmdr. Brian Peterson, USN
CMC: CMDCM (SW/AW) Anthony M. Josey, USN

Ship's Facts and Figures:

Homeport:	Norfolk, Va.
Keel Laid:	March 14, 1966
Launched:	October 7, 1967
Commissioned:	February 14, 1970
Length:	570 ft
Beam:	100 ft
Displacement:	17,479 tons
Speed:	20 knots

